

March 6, 2008

TO: Hunters, Anglers, Trappers, Landowners, Farm Groups and Others Interested in Making Recommendations for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Regulations.

Meetings to solicit your comments concerning the 2008 deer, turkey, bear, and boar hunting regulations as well as 2009-2010 hunting and trapping regulations and the 2009 fishing season are scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2008.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates, bag limits and creel limits similar to the 2007-2008 seasons (see recommended changes attached).

In order for us to obtain your recommendations and accurately record them, it is necessary for you to complete and return the attached form prior to April 11, 2008 to the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241, Attn: Mr. Steve Wilson.

Your continued interest in the state's natural resources programs is appreciated.

Curtis I. Taylor, Chief
Wildlife Resources Section

David E. Murphy, Colonel
Law Enforcement Section

Please feel free to comment or provide recommendations on hunting and fishing regulations or on any phase of our wildlife and law enforcement programs. Please use space provided on the following page. **Returning the attached tables is not necessary.**

Please complete the following section. Be sure only one form is submitted per individual or organization. Unsigned questionnaires will not be counted.

PLEASE PRINT

Individual, Group, or
Organization Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Number of Members _____ Telephone _____

Signed _____ Date _____ County _____

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE
BY APRIL 11, 2008**

WV Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Section
P.O. Box 67
Elkins, WV 26241

Attn: Steve Wilson

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2008 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

- 1) The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2008 antlerless deer season be open as shown in the attached tables.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 2) The Division of Natural Resources proposes to continue the two-day Class N antlerless deer season (October 31- November 1, 2008) in Hampshire County. The purpose is to reduce the deer population and collect samples for CWD testing as part of the CWD Response Plan.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 3) The Division of Natural Resources proposes the 2008 Black Bear season be open as shown in the attached table.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2009 - 2010 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

- 1) All other hunting and trapping regulations for 2009-2010 seasons would be the same as those in 2008-2009 (See Attached Table).

Favor _____ Oppose _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2009 FISHING REGULATIONS

- 1) The Division of Natural Resources proposes that hybrid striped bass 15 inches or larger shall have a daily creel limit of 4 and possession limit of 8 in aggregate with striped bass and white bass 15 inches or larger on R.D. Bailey Lake, Wyoming County. There shall be no restriction for these fish under 15 inches.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 2) All other fishing regulations for 2009 would be same as those in 2008.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Proposed 2008 Antlerless Deer Season Hunting Regulations			
Counties or Parts Thereof Closed to Antlerless (Class N) Hunting	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 1) Nov. 24-Dec.13 and Dec. 24-27 (Private Land Only) Nov. 26-Dec.13 and Dec. 24-27 (Private and Public Land)	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN, one (1) Additional Class N/NN (Season Bag Limit: 2) Nov. 24-Dec.13 and Dec. 24-27 (Private Land Only) Nov. 26-Dec.13 and Dec. 24-27 (Private and Public Land)	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N, Nonresident Class NN, three (3) Additional Class N/NN (Season Bag Limit: 4) Nov. 24-Dec.13 and Dec. 24-27 (Private Land Only) Nov. 26-Dec.13 and Dec. 24-27 (Private and Public Land)
Boone Clay Fayette (S & W of New R. & W of Gauley R.) Greenbrier (N of Rt. 60, N of I-64, N & W of Rt. 9, W of Rt. 219 at Renick, N of Rt. 11, E of Greenbrier R., N of I- 64, E of Rt. 60/14 Lincoln Kanawha (S of Elk R. & E of Corridor G) Mercer (W of I-77) Nicholas Pocahontas Randolph Wayne (S of Rt. 37) Webster	Braxton Calhoun Fayette (N & E of New R. & E of Gauley R.) Upshur Raleigh Roane Summers Tucker Wayne (N of Rt. 37)	Cabell Doddridge Gilmer Grant Kanawha (N of Elk R. & W of Corridor G) Lewis Mercer (E of I-77) Monroe Pendleton Pleasants Preston Ritchie Wirt	Barbour Berkeley Brooke Greenbrier (S of Rt. 60, S of I-64, S & E of Rt. 9, E of Rt. 219 at Renick, S of Rt. 11, W of Greenbrier R., S of I- 64, W of Rt. 60/14) Hampshire Hancock Hardy Harrison Jefferson Jackson Marion Marshall Mason Mineral Monongalia Morgan Ohio Putnam Taylor Tyler Wetzel Wood

Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting.

Note: Wallback WMA in Roane, Clay and Kanawha counties and Elk River WMA in Braxton County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting. Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson Nat. Forest) in Monroe County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting.

PROPOSED 2008 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR WMAs

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date November 26
Opening Date December 24

Closing Date December 13
Closing Date December 27

Bag Limit 1

Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam Co.)	Hillcrest WMA (Hancock Co.)
Burnsville WMA (Braxton Co.)	Stonewall Jackson WMA (Lewis Co.)
Cross Creek WMA (Brooke Co.)	Stonecoal WMA (Lewis/Upshur Co.)

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N AND NONRESIDENT CLASS NN ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date November 26
Opening Date December 24

Closing Date December 13
Closing Date December 27

Bag Limit 1

Hughes River WMA (Ritchie/Wirt Co.)	Meadow River WMA (Greenbrier Co.)
Beech Fork WMA (Wayne Co.)	McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)
Beury Mountain WMA (Fayette Co.)	Ritchie Mines WMA (Ritchie Co.)
Bluestone WMA (Summers/Monroe Co.)	Sand Hill WMA (Wood/Ritchie Co.)
Conway Run WMA (Tyler Co.)	Stumptown WMA (Gilmer Co.)
Coopers Rock State Forest (Monongalia/Preston Co.)	Tate Lohr WMA (Mercer Co.)
Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason Co.)	The Jug WMA (Tyler Co.)
Frozen Camp WMA (Jackson Co.)	Woodrum Lake WMA (Jackson Co.)

Lewis Wetzel WMA (Wetzel Co.)	Greenbottom WMA (Cabell Co.)
Briery Mountain WMA (Preston Co.)	Bear Rocks WMA (Ohio Co.)
Burches Run WMA (Marshall Co.)	Cecil H. Underwood WMA (Marshall/Wetzel Co.)
Castleman's Run Lake WMA (Brooke/Ohio Co.)	Center Branch WMA (Harrison Co.)
Dunkard Fork WMA (Marshall Co.)	Lantz Farm & Nature Preserve WMA (Wetzel Co.)
Little Indian Creek WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Pedlar WMA (Monongalia Co.)
Pleasants Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Co.)	Pruntytown State Farm WMA (Taylor Co.)
Snake Hill WMA (Monongalia/Preston Co.)	Teter Creek WMA (Barbour Co.)
Upper Deckers Creek WMA (Preston Co.)	Moncove Lake WMA (Monroe Co.)
Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)	

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Proposed 2008 Black Bear Seasons
Bow Season Statewide: October 18 – November 22

Gun Season:

9-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sep 18 – Sep 27 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov 24 – Dec 6 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec 8 – Dec 31 (Season Bag Limit 2)	6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sep 22 – Sep 27 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec 8 – Dec 31	12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov 24 – Dec 6 4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec 8 – Dec 31	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec 8 – Dec 31	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec 8 – Dec 31
Boone Fayette Kanawha Raleigh	Barbour (E. of Rt. 92) Grant Greenbrier Hardy Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Preston Randolph Tucker Webster	Monongalia	Braxton (E. of I-79) Clay (S of Elk River) Logan McDowell Mineral (W. of New Creek) Mingo Monroe (E. of Rt. 219) Upshur (E. of Buckhannon River) Wyoming	Barbour(W. of Rt 92) Berkeley Braxton(W. of I-79) Cabell Calhoun Clay (N. of Elk River) Gilmer Hampshire Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Lincoln Marion Mason Mercer Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt 219) Morgan Putnam Roane Summers Taylor Upshur (W. of Buckhannon River) Wayne

**West Virginia
Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the
2008-2009 Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 27, 2008 - Nov. 01, 2008	
Boar (Archery)	Oct. 18, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2008	
Deer (Archery)	Oct. 18, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2008	
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 24, 2008 - Dec. 06, 2008	
Deer (Antlerless) Hampshire Co. Only	Oct. 31, 2008 - Nov. 01, 2008	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Nov. 24, 2008 - Dec. 06, 2008	See Attached Deer Tables for Selected Counties
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Dec. 08, 2008 - Dec. 13, 2008	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Dec. 24, 2008 - Dec. 27, 2008	
Deer Youth/Class Q Hunts (Antlerless)	Nov. 01, 2008 - Nov. 01, 2008 Dec. 22, 2008 - Dec. 23, 2008	
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 15, 2008 - Dec. 20, 2008	
Bear (Archery)	Oct. 18, 2008 - Nov. 22, 2008	
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Sept. 18, 2008 – Sept. 27, 2008 Sept. 22, 2008 – Sept. 27, 2008 Dec. 08, 2008 - Dec. 31, 2008 Nov. 24, 2008 – Dec. 06, 2008	See Bear Table
Turkey (Fall) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 25, 2008 - Nov. 22, 2008 Oct. 25, 2008 - Nov. 01, 2008	Counties determined after 2008 gobbler season
{Preston County}	Oct. 25, 2008 - Nov. 08, 2008	
Turkey (Spring Youth Hunt)	Apr. 25, 2009 - Apr. 25, 2009	
Turkey (Spring '09)	Apr. 27, 2009 - May 23, 2009	

West Virginia
Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the
2009-2010 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Squirrel	Oct. 10, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010	
Squirrel Youth Hunt	Oct. 03, 2009	
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 17, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Grouse	Oct. 17, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Quail	Nov. 07, 2009 - Jan. 02, 2010	
Rabbit	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Hare	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Ringneck Pheasant	Nov. 07, 2009 - Jan. 02, 2010	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Mar. 31, 2010	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 01, 2009 - Nov. 21, 2009 Jan. 01, 2010 - Mar. 06, 2010	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/Woodchuck/ English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at night with Red or Amber Colored Artificial Light)	Jan. 1, 2009 – July 31, 2009	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	
Mountain Lion, Elk, Otter, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season.	